



Board Meeting, February 10, 2016 @ 6:00 pm
Lowell City Hall

Attendance - LARA Board Members; Al Halbeisen, Mari Stone, Betsy Davidson, Perry Beachum, Mark Anderson. Guest, Dave Austin. Beachum noted it has been 5 months since a city rep has attended a meeting.

Minutes –There was no meeting in January. Halbeisen presented proposed meeting dates for 2016 – Beachum motioned to approve, Anderson seconded, and the motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report –Davidson gave a Treasurer’s report – Beachum motioned to approve the following invoices to be paid – Chamber dues for \$100, Expo fee for \$120, Clean Cut for \$100. Anderson seconded, and the motion carried.. Discussion – should we consider RVCU for our accounts? Further discussion to be held in March.

Beachum motioned to approve and adopt the Investment Policy with an amendment regarding Treasurer making investments upon approval of the full Board. Anderson seconded, and the motion carried.

Beachum motioned to approve and adopt the Capitalization Policy. Anderson seconded, and the motion carried.

Budget Discussion – The Auditor would like us to include all expenditure and revenues in the approved budget. Davidson - will re-structure the “Profit and Loss by Class” report into a single line total.

Public Comment – None – Austin noted that a solution to the sinking boardwalk is being worked on this month.

Phase 1A – Funding for the connection along Alden Nash to the new Lowell Township North Riverfront park was discussed. Davidson has submitted an application for a 7K grant. Austin said the DNR will cover engineering for the connection. Still need design and construction figures. We will ask Meijer for funding. An accounting of anticipated trail maintenance costs will be done so we will have a better picture of how much we can spend of our fund balance for this project. Stone motioned to work with Lowell Township on the completion of Phase 1A, Davidson seconded, and the motion carried.

Phase 2 – 2018 is looking like to target date for the Lowell connection of the FRVRT/GVRT. It was noted that the trail from Gee Dr. to Sibley needs clearing.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Mari Stone

Respectfully submitted,
Mari Stone
LARA Secretary

Commonly used acronyms;

Fred Meijer River Valley Rail Trails – (FMRVRT)
Kent County Road Commission (KCRC)
Lowell Area Schools (LAS)
Lowell Education Foundation (LEF)
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)
Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)
Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
North Country Trail Association (NCTA)
West Michigan Trails & Greenways Coalition (WMTGC)
Wittenbach – Wege Center (WWC)

Greenville to Owosso – (GO)
Lowell Area Recreation Authority (LARA)
Lowell Area Community Fund (LACF)
Lowell Light & Power (LLP)
Lowell Cable TV Fund (LCTV)
Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance (MTGA)
Safe Routes to School (SR2S)
Trail Resources Enrichment and Development
(TREAD)

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